

Austro-Hungarian Ultimatum to Serbia

Austria-Hungary demanded that the Serbian government undertake the following:

- 1.To suppress any publication which incites to hatred and contempt of the Austrian Monarchy
- 2.To dissolve immediately societies which engage in propaganda against Austria
- 3.To eliminate without delay from public instruction in Serbia, both as regards the teaching body and the methods of instruction, all that serves or might serve to foment propaganda against Austria-Hungary
- 4.To remove from the military service and the administration in general all officers guilty of propaganda against Austria-Hungary, names of which were to be provided by the Austro-Hungarian government
- 5.To accept the collaboration in Serbia of organs of the Austro-Hungarian government in the suppression of the subversive movement directed against the territorial integrity of the monarchy
- **6.To take judicial proceedings against the accessories to the plot of June 28th who are on Serbian territory, with the help and direction of organs delegated by the Austro-Hungarian government.**
- 7.To immediately arrest two named persons implicated by the preliminary investigation undertaken by Austria-Hungary.
- 8.To prevent by effective measures the cooperation of Serbia in the illicit traffic in arms and explosives across the frontier
- 9.To furnish Austria-Hungary with explanations regarding statements from high Serbian officials both in Serbia and abroad, who have expressed hostility towards Austria-Hungary
- 10.To notify Austria-Hungary without delay of the execution of the measures.

The Serbian government agreed to all but one of the demands, noting that participation in its judicial proceedings by a foreign power would violate its constitution. Austria-Hungary nonetheless broke off diplomatic relations (July 25) and declared war (July 28) through a telegram sent to the Serbian government.

***** This was made to not be accepted/ pure provocation / just excuse to start a war.**